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Today's weather

Khamsin conditions will prevail — it will be hot and dusty with high clouds. In Aqaba winds will be southerly with wavy seas.

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Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 27, Aqaba 35. Sunset tonight: 6:20 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:45 a.m.

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French firm wins Arabsat contract; 1983 launch sought

By Dina Matar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 — Work is to start late this month on a pan-Arab communications satellite project now that a French firm has been awarded the contract, Minister of Communications Dr. Mohammad 'Addoub Al Aben says.

The satellite is expected to be launched and operational by late 1983, Dr. Zaben said at the end of a three-day meeting here of the Arab Satellite Communication Organization (Arabsat).

The meeting set up a technical committee to conclude by May 20 an agreement with the French firm Spasiale, one of five competing companies. The project is estimated to cost \$200 million to \$300 million.

Zaben said Spasiale was chosen because it was intentionally famous and offered lowest rates for the satellite's construction. It is hoped that the firm will be launched within 30 days of signing the contracts.

Alli Mashat, Arabsat's secretary general, added that members of understanding have signed with the European Agency (ESA) and with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for use of the launching pads of European Ariane rocket or

the American space shuttle to put Arabsat's two satellites into orbit. It has not been decided whether one or both of these organisations will handle the launching.

Arabsat's capital was doubled to \$200 million from \$100 million to \$200 million during the meetings here when a number of Arab countries bought 496 shares in Arabsat. The other shares—each valued at \$100,000—will be sold in a period of three months.

"The capital was raised to meet the increasing demands and cost of the project," Dr. Zaben said. A new board of Arabsat directors was set up during the meetings, with five permanent representatives from Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and Iraq, and four rotating members from Jordan, Tunisia, Palestine and Sudan.

Jordan this year doubled its share in the project's capitalisation to 6.6 per cent. Also, Iraq took Lebanon's place as a permanent Arabsat board member because it now holds more shares.

Dr. Zaben also said the general assembly reviewed the 1980 balance sheet and approved the 1981 budget.

The Arabsat programme involves two communications satellites, one as a standby for the other, orbiting 36,000 kilometres above the equator and serving 21 Arab countries.

The ground control station will be in Saudi Arabia, but the location of a secondary control station somewhere in the Arab World is yet to be decided. Each Arab country also will build ground stations.

A third satellite will be stored under special conditions for emergency cases. Dr. Mashat said. The satellites are to have a seven-year life span. Each will provide 8,000 telephone circuits, seven international ones, and one community television broadcast channel.

"This is a major step, and it is the first one on the road to Arab unity and understanding," Dr. Zaben said.

beat planners have yet to decide whether this European Ariane rocket or the U.S. space shuttle launch its satellites into orbit. (ma photo)

Iraqi urges summit to fight Israeli canal

By Ahmad Isam Odeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 — An Iraqi delegation called on the leaders of the Arab Nation to convene a summit conference to decide how to confront and foil the Israeli project to open a canal linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea, the Taher Tawfiq, the Iraqi minister of industry and minerals, the Jordan Times said.

Mr. Tawfiq said that the harm "would not be done to Jordanian projects only but to Arab and joint Arab projects as well."

Mr. Tawfiq disclosed that the principal basic objective of opening the canal is "to exploit the canal's waters in cooling the five atomic reactors which Israel intends to establish in the project's area as well as to settle millions of new immigrants in the Naqab area." This, he said, poses a "threat to the security and safety of the Arab states and the whole area."

Mr. Tawfiq recalled that Israel had refused to sign the nuclear nonproliferation treaty which the Arab states signed. He denied that the Arabs have nuclear weapons.

Asked about the financing of the project, Mr. Tawfiq said: "Our reaction should not be violent only but ferocious as well, because this is one of our most elementary rights."

Mr. Tawfiq said that the United States government should be held responsible for the actions of the companies and corporations operating in its territory as far as the financing of the project is concerned.

28 years ago... every inch a King



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Pan-Arab 'think tank' gets its charter, 4 target areas

By Rami G. 'Hourri Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 — Top economists and development planners from throughout the Arab World met here yesterday and launched what they anticipate will become a high-powered, independent research institution to address pan-Arab developmental and strategic issues.

In two lengthy sessions at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, 17 of the 25 trustees of the Arab Thought Forum approved the charter of the new institution and set in motion its working procedures.

The Arab Thought Forum ("Muntada Al Fikr Al Arabi") was first discussed in a two-day gathering in Aqaba in early March, attended by 40 of the Arab World's most prominent officials in the fields of economic and social development. During the past six weeks the board of trustees was chosen, with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan as its first president.

Yesterday's meeting appointed Dr. Khalil Salem the acting secretary general of the Arab Thought Forum, pending the selection of a permanent secretary general during the next meeting of the full board, scheduled for October-November in Bahrain.

Dr. Salem, a former Jordanian finance minister and Central Bank governor, is president of the Arab Finance (Jordan) and a member of the National Consultative Council.

Three vice-presidents were named (Mr. Ghazi Gusaibi of Saudi Arabia, Ali Atiqia of Libya and Abdul Latif Hamad of Kuwait), and a six-man management committee was appointed to work on the initial development of the institution's working programme.

The six are Farouk Akhdar, Ahmad Du'eij, Burhan Dajani, Khalil Salem, Jawad Anani and Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi.

The Arab Thought Forum is envisioned as a broad-based research institution working along the lines of major think-tanks in the Western world, to address issues of pan-Arab concern that are often overlooked in the state-by-state endeavours of individual Arab countries.

The meetings here yesterday, presided over by Crown Prince Hassan, were attended by such prominent Arab economists as Youssef Sayegh, Burhan Dajani, Youssef Shirawi, Mohammad Imadi, Shafiq Akhras, Jawad Hashim, Sa'id Ghoobash, Labib Shuqair, Elias Saba, Farouk Akhdar, Ahmad Du'eij, Mohammad Imam, Abd Al Aal Al Saqban and the Jordanian team of Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi, Dr. Khalil Salem and Dr. Jawad Anani.

The participants agreed on four broad areas of concern for the Arab Thought Forum: Arab and Islamic collective self-reliance and the outlook for Arab development in the year 2000; the Arab perspective on the North-South Dialogue and the South-South Dialogue; development in the occupied Arab territories and Israel's economic threat to the Arab World; and general Arab economic integration.

A priority field of work for new institution was agreed to be an Arab position paper on the Brandt Commission report issued last year, dealing with global developmental issues in the coming decades. The Arab Thought Forum, to be headquartered in Jordan, is expected to carry on its work by commissioning individual studies from top thinkers in the Arab World, holding seminars and conferences, publishing research studies and generally bringing to bear the best Arab minds on such issues as labour movements in the Arab World, food security, investment policies and trade promotion.

A key to the development and credibility of the Arab Thought Forum is its independent status as a private, non-governmental institution whose critiques, opinions and proposals may sometimes run against the grain of official thinking.

While some participants at yesterday's meetings suggested that the forum should start off by addressing issues of little political sensitivity, the predominant view was that it could only make a valid and fresh contribution to pan-Arab development if it had the intellectual and financial independence to offer, in the words of one board member, "forceful and free ideas that represent the thought of the Arab World's best thinkers based on what they see as the full interests of the Arab people."

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Khaddam due in Beirut today Uneasy calm in Lebanon; Syria prepares its case

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) — Syrian today as Syria drew up proposals troops and Lebanese rightist forces observed an uneasy truce

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam was expected to return to Lebanon tomorrow amid mounting international pressure to reach some form of agreement with Lebanon's right-wing forces.

Troops from the predominantly Syrian Arab Detachment Force (ADF) battled Falangist Party militiamen in Beirut, Lebanon's central highlands and the eastern city of Zahle for much of last month.

Israel intervened by shooting down two Syrian helicopters in eastern Lebanon last week, raising fears that the conflict could spread.

Security sources said there have been no major clashes between the ADF and the Falangists since the current ceasefire took effect five days ago, but the potential for a new flare-up remains.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have partly suspended their financial contributions to the ADF, Kuwait's foreign minister said in a statement published today.

Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah told Kuwaiti newspaper editors that the two states were holding back 40 per cent of the payments because the ADF command had not provided the necessary three-monthly reports on its activities.

Political sources said Kuwait had been pressing for the reports for several months.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are the two biggest contributors to the costs of the 30,000-man ADF, which was set up by the Arab League in 1976 with a budget of \$90 million every six months.

Kuwait pays 20 per cent, Saudi Arabia 20 per cent, the United Arab Emirates 15 per cent and Qatar 10 per cent, with the remaining 35 per cent coming from other Arab League members.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said today that diplomatic efforts had failed to resolve the crisis so far and that Syria's stationing of missiles in Lebanon was "very grave."

He spoke to Israel Radio during a break in day-long talks with his cabinet ministers on the situation in Lebanon.

Mr. Begin met opposition Labour Party leader Shimon Peres to inform him of developments in the Lebanon crisis.

Mr. Peres declined to say what had been discussed. "But I can say we agree that political steps should be taken first, as is now being done, to solve the crisis," he told reporters.

"The (SAM) missiles definitely constitute a danger to Israeli security and must be removed," he added.

Israel wants Syria to withdraw Soviet-supplied ground-to-air SAM missiles deployed in Lebanon in response to the downing of the helicopters.

The latest fighting was the worst in Lebanon since the 1975-76 civil war. Security sources said about 500 people were killed last month in Beirut, Zahle and in Israeli air strikes against the south.

Mr. Khaddam was here last week for two days of talks with Lebanese government and party leaders at the Bar'uda presidential palace, southeast of the capital.

After reporting back to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Mr. Khaddam said he would draw up a working paper that would form a basis for the next round of discussions.

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath will pay an official visit to Tunisia in the coming few days at the invitation of the Tunisian government, the royal court announced here yesterday.

According to the announcement, Prince Hassan will meet with senior Tunisian government officials to discuss the Arab situation and means of boosting ties between Jordan and Tunisia.

The three days of torrential rain and hailstorms swept broad areas in Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Iran's western Gulf coast by the Strait of Hormuz.

The UAE proclaimed a state of emergency. Its hospitals were reported working round-the-clock to help to what an official described as "hundreds of injured." At least four persons were killed in the UAE, authorities reported.

In neighbouring Oman police said 17 persons were killed and eight are missing. The Iranian authorities said three persons were killed around the port of Bandar Langhem and appealed to the people of the region to help by providing medicines, blankets and food for the homeless, the official Pars news agency said.

Strong winds tore ships from their moorings, overturned cars caught on the highways, demolished houses and farms and killed thousands of livestock buried under collapsing shelters, according to official reports.

Omani police said an unidentified tanker was beached during the night, but was later refloated. A second unidentified ship was also reported aground, the police added. Electricity was cut off in Muscat, and many roads in Oman were reported swept away by flash floods.

Roads were also cut in the UAE. Police said the Sharjah-Dubai highway was impassable after more than 70 vehicles were involved in a multiple collision due to poor visibility.

The storm silenced Abu Dhabi Radio, severely damaging its antenna.

An official of the UAE meteorological office described the storm as "the worst in living memory."



Hassan to visit Tunisia

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Film star Nargis Dutt dies in India

KARACHI, May 3 (A.P.) — Tributes were paid in Pakistan today to Indian film actress Nargis Dutt, who died in Bombay earlier in the day.

The president of the Pakistan Film Trade Industry Association, Mr. Shaikat Hussein Fatmi, convened a meeting of the association, which adopted a resolution paying tribute to "the subcontinent's top actress."

The resolution said that millions of Mrs. Dutt's fans in Pakistan feel the vacuum created by her death.

Mrs. Dutt shot to fame during the fifties, especially after her portrayal of a farmer's wife in the film "Mother India." She married Sunil Dutt, who played her son in that movie. Mr. Dutt, himself one of India's leading actors, produces and directs his own movies.

Mrs. Dutt, during her days of greatest acclaim, starred with almost all the leading stars in India such as Raj Kapoor, Raj Kumar and Dilip Kumar.

Qadhafi's seeking empire in Africa, Numeiri charges

KHARTOUM, May 3 (A.P.) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has accused Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi of seeking Soviet help to infiltrate Sudan and carry out sabotage acts in neighbouring countries in a bid to control Africa and establish a Libyan empire.

"But we will cut Qadhafi's leg if it is stretched one inch into our territories," President Numeiri said yesterday in a nationally televised speech celebrating May Day at the Sudanese Socialist Union, the country's only authorised political party.

"We are carefully monitoring attempted endeavours by Soviet-backed Libya aimed at sabotage our internal affairs," Mr. Numeiri said.

He said Col. Qadhafi is trying to enlist Sudanese citizens in the so-called National Salvation Army which is being financed and organised by Libya.

Mr. Numeiri meanwhile lashed out at Col. Qadhafi for his intervention in Chad, Sudan's western neighbour.

He said Col. Qadhafi has received instructions from the Kremlin to "practice more oppression



Jaafar Numeiri

and more atrocity on an African Muslim people. It is with the people of sister Chad that Qadhafi uses their corpses as a bridge to his ambitions in controlling neighbouring African countries."

To underline what he called the contradiction in Col. Qadhafi's policies, Mr. Numeiri said the Libyan leader is "working for separating the Kurds from their motherland in Iraq, Syria and Iraq at a time he is claiming to be an advocate of unity."

Turning to domestic issues, Mr. Numeiri said he would purge incompetent officials and undertake reforms in different ministries of his government.

Iraqis hold west Iranian heights

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) — Iraqi forces have succeeded in dominating a series of mountain ranges and a number of villages in Iran's western Kermanshah Province, according to a military spokesman in Baghdad.

The spokesman, quoted by the government newspaper Al Jumhuriya, today, said Iraq's armed forces "scored a great victory and imposed their total domination of a series of mountain ranges around the Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab area."

The spokesman, who was not identified, added that a number of villages and hills in the region were also under Iraqi control.

He said the Iranian forces lost many men and a great deal of military equipment in the fighting around Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab last week.

The official Iraqi News Agency said warplanes, helicopters, tanks, artillery, rockets and a large number of troops took part in the battles.

Meanwhile, in Iran yesterday nine people were executed in various parts of the country after being found guilty of drug trafficking, robbery and sodomy, state radio said.

They all had previous convictions and were sentenced after trial by Islamic revolutionary courts, the radio said.

Five were executed by firing squads in the eastern city of Kerman, three in the western city of Kermanshah and one, a woman, in the northwestern city of Khoy, the radio said.

Last week, 10 people were executed in Tehran for drug-dealing and prostitution and a convicted thief had his hand chopped off by order of a revolutionary court in Kerman.

Advertisement for an art exhibition. Text: Under the patronage of H.E. the Mayor of Amman. The Department of Culture and Arts in cooperation with The Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Romania present A photograph exhibition of Bucharest, capital of Romania Monday, 4 May 1981 at 6 p.m. at the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth, Shmeisani. Exhibition will continue until 7 May 1981

King decorates UAE aide

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Hummar Palace today the minister of education in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mr. Sa'id Salman, who delivered to His Majesty a message from UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan on further strengthening relations between the two countries.

The visiting minister briefed King Hussein on the extent of cooperation between Jordan and the UAE in the spheres of culture and youth welfare and praised the achievements of Jordan in these fields.

During the audience, His Majesty conferred on Mr. Salman the Jordanian Al Kawakib Medal of the first Order.

The audience was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi and Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal.

Mr. Salman earlier called on Prime Minister Mudar Badran to discuss bilateral cooperation in the educational fields.

At a meeting earlier in the day with Minister of Culture and Youth Mu'ib Abu Nowar and the visiting UAE minister agreed on exchanging expertise and technical cooperation in the field of sports between the two countries.

Mr. Abu Nowar said his ministry would be willing to help the UAE in cultural and sports affairs.

Mr. Salman who arrived in Amman yesterday for a four-day visit to Jordan at the head of an official delegation, held talks this morning with Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal on fostering cooperation in education between Jordan and the UAE.

The two ministers, accompanied by aides, discussed a draft agreement on cultural cooperation for the coming two years. The agreement provides for the exchange of visits by teachers from both countries and co-



His Majesty King Hussein receives United Arab Emirates Education Minister Sa'id Salman at Al Hummar Palace Sunday. Also seen (from left) are Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal and Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi.

operation in training teachers and the secondment of Jordanian teachers to the UAE.

A programme for implementing the agreement will be worked out later and a special follow up committee will be set up to supervise

its implementation.

Mr. Salman and Dr. Tal later visited the University of Jordan, where the deputy president of the university presented the visitor with the university golden insignia.

Prince Hassan in Petra interview

Development plan to focus on production, not services

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today said the five-year development plan (1981-1985) will concentrate on production rather than services.

In an interview with Petra, the Jordan News Agency, during a tour he made to several projects which the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) is currently implementing in Wadi Araba, the Crown Prince said the plan "will draw on Jordan's experiment of trying to bypass the services-saturated cities so that we achieve ill-out production, link the citizen with his land and deepen his affiliation with it."

Prince Hassan said Jordan "embarking on a new experiment based on economising in the utilisation of our water sources in order to gain profits through the use of plastic green houses."

Crown Prince Hassan urged JVA to explain the role of the public services in the Wadi Araba area, particularly the housing services for the citizens residing in the Jordan Valley.

Prince Hassan also emphasised the significance of cooperation between the education and health services with JVA offices to provide cadres which are qualified to render educational and health services to residents of the Jordan



Crown Prince Hassan

Valley. He also stressed the need for cooperation between the authority and the Arab Potash Company to draw on water economics in the use of the water resources, particularly the waters of valleys such as Al Mujib and Al Hasa.

He also emphasised the significance of cooperation between JVA and the Natural Resources Authority in the field of mining so that the residents of the area could benefit from employment opportunities which will be provided for them.

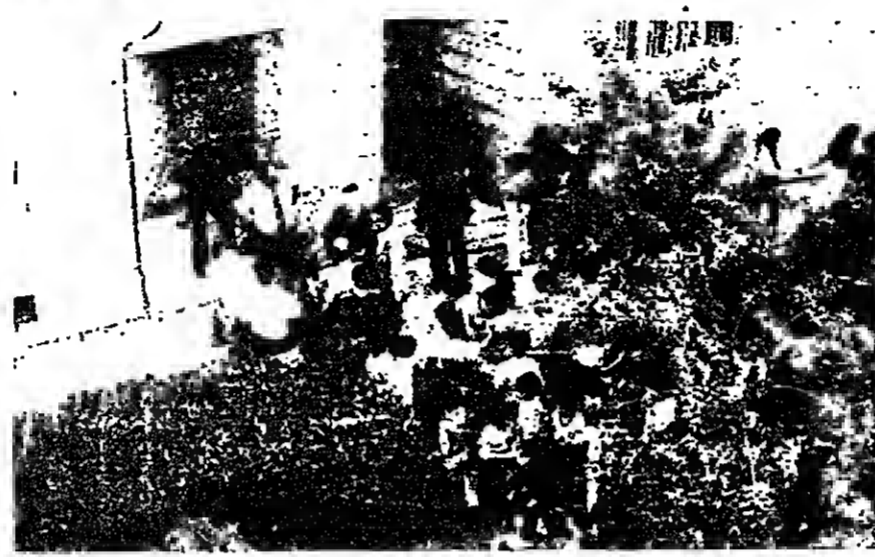
JVA President Omar Abdullah said the authority had launched these projects last years. They include the construction of experimental agricultural stations and the digging of artisan wells so that technicians could train the residents of the area on new agricultural methods to qualify them for the management of these projects in the future.

Fire trucks create more of a stir than the blaze

AMMAN, May 3 (J.T.) — Two bright-red Civil Defence vehicles called in to put out a fire in Al Hussein Housing Estate this afternoon created more of a stir than the blaze itself.

As Civil Defence men unreeled a fire hose from one of the trucks and carried it through the entrance of building number 54 to douse the flames in the building's basement storeroom, scores of excited youngsters gathered from all over the neighbourhood for what was, to them, a festive occasion. However, their excitement was short-lived, as the blaze took only five minutes to put out.

The storeroom fire was first discovered by Sheikh Fathi Hammouri, a resident of the building, who along with other residents notified the Shmeisani station of the Civil Defence Directorate. According to the officer in charge, who declined to give his name, damage was negligible, as the storeroom contained only "rubbish and packing cases." (Jordan Times staff photo by Steve Ross)



WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare", an exhibition which employs pictures, photographs, slides, music, models and costumes to explore the way of life of the late 16th-century Englishman. The council will present a special programme of readings and scenes from Shakespeare, lectures, solo performances and music related to the exhibition during the second week of May. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the council in Jabal Amman.

The Harvard Semitic Museum, in cooperation with the ministries of culture and youth and tourism, presents an exhibition of Middle East "Photographs from the Last Century". The exhibition which was held at the Jordan National Gallery is now on display at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

Karak municipality presents the town's first book exhibition. The exhibition will take place at the Government House and will run until May 5.

Spring Festival

Jordan is celebrating the Spring Festival of Art in

Aqaba. Several exhibitions of works by Jordanian artists are taking place at the major hotels of the city.

Seminar

The Jordanian Writer's Association presents the first in its series of "Artistic Criticism" workshops, entitled "Creativity and Society", which will hold under the chairmanship of Dr. Walid Mustafa. For further information please contact the association at telephone 21724.

Film

The British Council presents the second in its series of films of Shakespeare's Plays, "The Tempest". The show starts at 8 p.m., at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani. Admission costs 250 fils.

Videotape Programme

The French Cultural Centre presents the second part of "Lemystere Frontenac", at 5 p.m. and the third episode of "La maison des bois", at 6 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	312	1,630	1,630	1,630
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	800	2,280	2,270	2,280
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	10,853	1,510	1,500	1,510
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	2,350	2,160	2,150	2,150
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	99	16,500	16,500	16,500
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	160	17,500	17,500	17,500
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	400	15,100	15,000	15,000
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	45	133,000	133,000	133,000
Arab Financial Corporation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10,000	100	13,600	13,600	13,600
Financial Papers Co.	JD 10,000	545	21,000	16,900	18,000
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	400	2,450	2,450	2,450
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	2,000	13,110	13,110	13,110
General Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	2,500	1,650	1,650	1,650
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	175	11,600	11,580	11,580
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	5,335	2,000	1,990	1,990
Arab International Hotel Co.	JD 1,000	9,250	1,060	1,050	1,050
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co.	JD 1,000	18,300	1,330	1,310	1,330
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	11,050	0,900	0,890	0,890
Livestock and Poultry Co.	JD 1,000	500	0,660	0,660	0,660
Dar Al Sha'b for Press, Printing and Publications	JD 1,000	1,500	0,960	0,960	0,960
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 2,000	6,000	1,550	1,430	1,500
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	8,269	1,330	1,320	1,320
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	21,980	1,560	1,520	1,530
Arab Paper Processing and Trading Co.	JD 1,000	6,000	0,880	0,850	0,880
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	9,452	3,900	3,900	3,900
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	700	4,800	4,760	4,760
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	9,474	2,230	2,220	2,200
Dar Al Dawa' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	1,179	-3,300	3,300	3,300
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	371	3,400	3,350	3,350
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1,510	1,160	1,160	1,160
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	500	1,650	1,650	1,650
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	3,140	3,700	3,680	3,680
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	1,450	6,300	6,250	6,250
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	120	30,000	30,000	30,000
Rafiq Industrial Co.	JD 5,000	68	3,000	3,000	3,000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1,468	8,450	8,430	8,430
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	28	18,580	18,580	18,580

Total volume of shares traded on Sunday, May 3, 1981: JD 306,552
Total number of shares traded: 137,871

Government Development Bonds

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — Smuggling across the Jordanian border which is "harmful to national economy" will be the main topic to be discussed by Jordanian and Saudi officials during this week, according to Director of Public Security Gen. Mamoun Khalil. Speaking before leaving for Saudi Arabia for the meetings at the head of a delegation, Maj. Gen. Khalil said the talks will also cover ways of facilitating transport of Saudi and Jordanian citizens between the two countries, coordinating efforts to track down criminals and training of public security personnel.

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Jordanian citizen, Mr. Mohammad Radwan Al Sawar, to 10 months in prison and the payment of JD 10 fine for attempting to bribe a policeman. The military governor today endorsed the sentence. The court also endorsed sentences passed by the military court on 44 Jordanian merchants for violating supply regulations. Each will pay JD 80. Four other merchants were fined JD 100 each for similar offences.

AMMAN, May 3 (J.T.) — Examinations for the second semester of the General Secondary Certificate (tawjihi) for this year start on May 27. Sources at the ministry of education said 36,200 students (21,813 males and 15,058 females) will sit for the examination in the East Bank. The ministry has made available 6 halls to accommodate the candidates in different parts of the country and assigned 300 teachers to supervise the exams. 2,000 to mark the examination papers, the sources said. 7 examinations will last eight days, while the marking is scheduled to take no more than 10 days.

AMMAN, May 3 (J.T.) — The chairman of the board of directors of the Royal Jordanian Airline, Mr. Ali Ghandour, left the United States today to take part in the ninth annual convention of the National Association of Arab Americans which will open in San Francisco on May 7. Nearly 2000 delegates represent some two million Arab Americans will attend the convention which will have 19 participants, including Mr. Ghandour, will make speeches. Following the convention, Mr. Ghandour will go to Appleton, Wisconsin, where he will deliver a speech on Jordan and the Middle East region at Lawrence University.

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — A committee of deputies of parliament representatives at the Council of Arab Economic Union (CAEU) opened a two-day meeting here today in its capacity as a follow-up committee. The movement of workers within the Arab World, coordination among Arab industries and unifying transport systems among the Arab common market countries are among the major topics to be discussed by the committee, a CAEU source said. At the opening session, CAEU Secretary General Fakh Qaddouri and Ministry of Industry and Trade Undersecretary Mohammad Saleh Horani expressed the hope that the committee's work would contribute towards the achievement of Arab economic integration.

AJLOUN, May 3 (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Momani opened here today a five-day seminar for heads of municipal councils in the Irbid governorate. In a speech to the 34 participants, Mr. Momani outlined the importance of the seminar, the fourth of its kind so far in the country, which he said was aimed at raising the standard of the technical and administrative systems of municipalities. The participants will hear lectures on development, rules and regulations pertaining to municipal councils and other related subjects.

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Abu Mahmoud: a lifetime of stone carving

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles on handicrafts in Jordan.

Text and photos
By Mohammad Ayish
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "I learned the craft when I was just a child in the Bethlehem area, but stone carving was still a hobby for me until I began to do sculpture for commercial reasons some 3 years ago," said Mr. Mohammad Shannoudeh (Abu Mahmoud), a stone worker who believes he is the only one of his kind in the country.

I began my experience with crafts by working out some things such as small ashtrays and coffee cups," Abu Mahmoud told the Jordan Times. But, now he seems to have mastered the craft, he said that it became for him no longer just a hobby, but a profitable business.

Although Abu Mahmoud spends most of his time on stone at his humble residence, he sometimes feels that he works "for no reward," since he is always sure that everything he does will be bought by his sole customer, the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre Company.

When a visitor asked to see samples of his work, Abu Mahmoud and his wife, instead of taking him into an exhibition, took only a few minutes to show all the samples. They were laid somewhere near the fence under a thick layer of dust.

Some of these pieces have been here for three or four years, others for two years or one," Shannoudeh, a mother of six, said.

But it is still our hobby to make things out of stone, despite the fact the market is dull," she said, being asked whether it was an idea to do such work for a living.

I need a place to display my work in, and most importantly I need encouragement so as to continue in this trade," Abu Mahmoud said. He added that he had taken part in seven craft exhibitions in Jordan, and four years ago, he made a stone plaque commemorating His Majesty King Hussein's silver jubilee.

At present, my work is sold in the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre Company, usually purchase my crafts in accordance with their promotion centre," he said. But other handicraft shops always reject his sculptures, because these shops prefer ancient, rather than new, work. "You see that turtle I made... it would have been worth 50 had it come from ancient times; but since I made it here, it costs JD 5," he said as he pointed to a stone turtle displayed among the other sculptures.

Asked why he does not apply to the Industrial Development Bank (IDB) for a loan, Abu Mahmoud had never thought of doing so since he does not "like to bear the burden of debt."

Besides, I don't know how to use the money," he said, "because all I need is a place -- any

place -- where I can display my crafts and establish contacts with customers, particularly foreign ones.

"At present, I only make an average of JD 30 a month, which does not suffice for a 12-member family and rent," Abu Mahmoud sighed.

Having himself now mastered the craft thoroughly, Abu Mahmoud is concerned about its continuity within the family.

"You see these birds and little turtles, it was me who made them. It takes me two days to make a bird out of stone," Mariam Shannoudeh said as she arranged a group of carved turtles and fledgling birds she had made.

She told the Jordan Times that she learned the craft from her husband, and likes to spend time at it, despite the burdens of caring for a big family. She also makes stone rings and tiny *kohl* jars, as well as stone bracelets.

For some craftsmen, the dissolution of the craftsmen's cooperative some years ago was a loss, but for Abu Mahmoud it did not make any difference. "The



Family of tiny turtles carved by Abu Mahmoud's wife Mariam

cooperative asked me to become a member," he said, "but by then I did not have the money to pay dues."

"All I needed was financial and

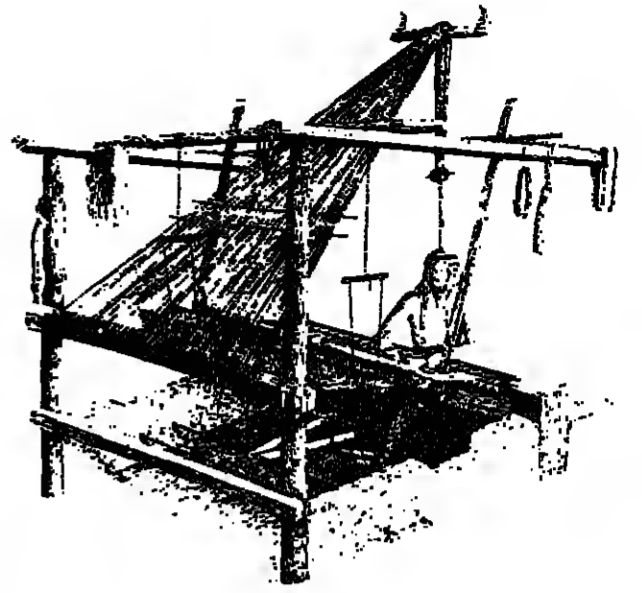
moral support from them." Abu Mahmoud's carvings reflect the Jordanian culture in general, and nature in particular. He said he makes vases of all kinds

and shapes, pipes, rings, bracelets and waterpipes. "Not all of them are used, like their counterparts made of other materials, but they add a touch of beauty to places," he said.

Another category includes birds of all types, particularly pigeons, turtles, and other animals. "I can make images of all things,

except human beings, because it is religiously banned," Abu Mahmoud said. Thus he has no ambition to become a great portrait sculptor. But he seems satisfied with his work, and confident of the creativity he introduces into it, despite his severe need for a display place and for mural encouragement.

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While without ambition to be a great sculptor, Abu Mahmoud has produced some pieces like this stone head.



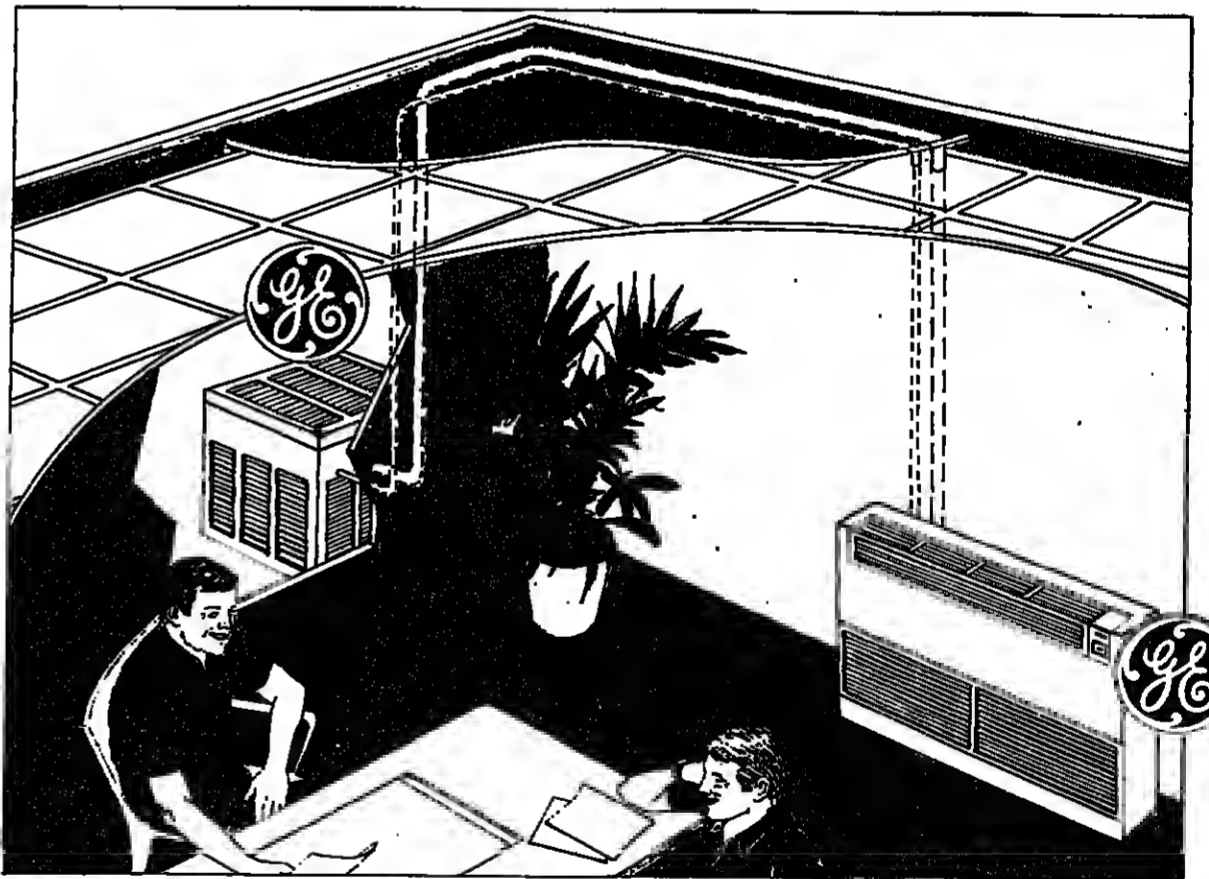
Stone plaque carved for the occasion of King Hussein's silver jubilee



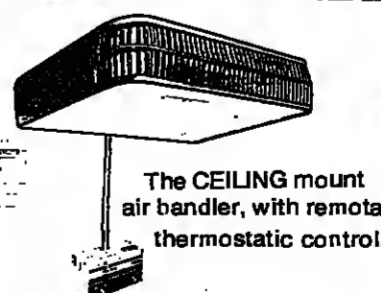
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All roads lead....

IF ALL ROADS lead to Rome, all discussion about the worsening situation in Lebanon lead back to the issue of Palestine -- the unresolved issue that has consistently been at the core of Middle Eastern turmoil since 1947. The threat of a Syrian-Israeli shuntout that reared its head last week has sparked renewed fears of broader clashes outside the borders of Lebanon. The fighting inside Lebanon during the past month has sparked renewed talk of sending yet another international peace-keeping force into Lebanon. For both of these items to capture the world's attention without leading us back to a discussion of the underlying Palestinian-Zionist conflict would be a poor performance by a world determined to apply band-aid solutions to a chronic ailment that has defied band-aid applications for many decades. Another peace-keeping force in Lebanon strikes us as a weak idea -- another hand-aid -- where radical surgery is required. The Syrian forces in Lebanon that entered the country in 1976 with an Arab League mandate to act as peace-keepers should revert to that peace-keeping role, for a start. But in the longer run, to try and resolve the Lebanese problem without simultaneously settling in motion a global and comprehensive peace-making effort to reconcile the competing nationalisms of Palestinians and Israelis, is yet more band-aid-class state-manship. Israel has become so deeply involved in the affairs of Lebanon, directly and through its surrogates there, that it has effectively become a party to that conflict as well. It will cease that role, as it began it, only via fair resolution of the Palestinian issue. To make believe otherwise is naive and unrealistic.



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Jordan's Labour Day

By T.A. Jal

ON FRIDAY, about 3,000 workers assembled in the Palace of Culture to celebrate Labour Day. This gathering was hosted by the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GJTU) under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein. The general feeling of the participants was that this year's celebrations were a success on many grounds.

First, in his address to the workers, His Majesty expressed his high admiration of the productive role of the Jordanian labour force in the implementation of our development plans and expressed his blessings for the new principles included in the draft labour law. Our manpower in Jordan, in occupied Jerusalem and other parts of the West Bank and in the neighbouring Arab countries was wholeheartedly greeted as the most significant asset of Jordan's progress and steadfastness.

Second, workers gathering from all cities and villages in Jordan expressed their full support to the Jordanian leadership and its wise policies. Their coming to the celebrations was motivated by their own initiative to participate and express their gratitude for the social benefits and stability which they enjoy.

Third, technical issues related to labour were not put aside amidst the enthusiastic cheerings of workers. The need for an up-to-date labour bill was highlighted. A new headquarters for the GJTU will be built on a lot of land which was donated by the government. The encouragement of working women and the employment of physically-weak workers were emphasised.

Fourth, industrial relations among workers and employers taken in Jordan as a whole of class struggle for a give rather than a take. Workers believe that the economic and political comfort of their workers enhance their efficiency and productivity.

Last, but not least, the union has a tradition in Jordan which has developed as a part of our society. The union was founded in 1954. It includes seventeen trade unions in its own executive committee and central council and holds every two years. GJTU representatives have participated in the formulation of the new law and other regulations are members in the Board of Directors of the Social Security Corporation, the Vocational Training Corporation and the worker education institutes.

The awarding of decorations to His Majesty to four pioneer trade union movement has a significant meaning to the progress of the movement in Jordan.

Looking ahead, we hope to continue our remarkable socio-economic development in many. Labour Day celebrations are a good indication that we do so. Nevertheless, we shall continue working for that objective.

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 - 9:45 Bestseller
 - 11:00 News in Arabic
 - 11:10 Cont. of Bestseller
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 - 7:00 News in French
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 - 12:00 News Headlines
 - 12:03 Pop Session
 - 13:00 News Summary
 - 13:03 Pop Session
 - 14:00 News Bulletin
 - 14:10 Instrumentals
 - 14:30 30 minute Theatre
 - 15:00 Concert Hour
 - 16:00 News Summary
 - 16:03 Instrumentals
 - 16:30 Old Favorites
 - 17:00 Country Music
 - 17:30 Pop Session
 - 18:00 News Summary
 - 18:03 Men from the Ministry
 - 18:30 Sports Round-up
 - 19:00 News Desk (News Bulletin)
 - 19:30 Press review, News Reports
 - 19:30 Music
 - 20:30 Evening Show
 - 21:00 News Summary
 - 21:03 Evening Show
 - 21:57 News Headlines
 - 22:00 Sign off

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your position in the community and try to improve it. Show your benefactors that you appreciate their support.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get out to whatever place that will bring you peace of mind. Make plans for the week ahead so that it becomes more productive.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Try to keep promises to others and plan for greater things in the future. Express happiness with family and friends.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A fine day to be of assistance to others in need. Situations arise now that could lead to self-improvement.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A good day to be of service to others wherever needed, even if you're not asked to do so. Avoid one who wants to waste your time.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Figure out a better way to express your creative talents. Schedule your activities for the new week and get excellent results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make any changes needed at home so that everything is more ideal. Show increased devotion for family members.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are able to communicate with others very well now, so contact key people and get good results. Be wise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A good time to make plans to have more abundance in the days ahead. Strive to have increased harmony at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) The early hours are fine for making important decisions about the future. Catch up on your rest today.

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MIDDLE EAST

Jordanian option' a myth - Yamani

By [Name]

SAUDI ARABIA, May 3 (R) — Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Zaki Yamani said in a view published today he did not think a new Middle East peace treaty after Israeli elections would be based on a so-called Jordanian option of bringing Amman into the peace process.



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

He said the Jordanian option of bringing Amman into the peace process.

"The Jordanians themselves don't think of it as an option. How can it exist without the Jordanians themselves believing in it?" he asked.

Sbeikh Yamani spoke of the possibility of war if the Americans did not act. "You cannot measure how long it will take the region to

explode, but of course, the sooner action is taken the better," he said.

"You cannot ignore the fact that Arab territories are under occupation and that the whole nation is living without hope. You cannot live like this forever."

The Saudi minister said he expected an initiative by the 10-nation European Economic Community to achieve some results.

"We think that the historical relationship between Europe and the Arab World is much stronger than the relationship between the Arabs and any other major power or group of powers, which puts the EEC in a good position to take the initiative with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Middle East as a whole."

He said the EEC initiative stopped for some time, probably because there was a new administration in America, "but we think it will start again and it will bear some fruit."

Sadat frees four opponents, raises wages, food subsidies

CAIRO, May 3 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday raised public employees' wages by at least 20 per cent, boosted food subsidies and said he was freeing four jailed political opponents, including former vice-president Ali Sabri.

Mr. Sadat told a worker's May Day rally near the industrial city of Helwan he was decreeing an amnesty for Mr. Sabri and three other leftists sentenced for life 10 years ago for plotting against Mr. Sadat in the power struggle that followed the death of President Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1970.

Mr. Sadat said increased oil revenues and Suez Canal earnings enabled him to raise the public employees' monthly minimum wage from 20 to 25 Egyptian Pounds (\$36).

Government subsidies on essential goods such as bread, meat, rice and cooking oil will go up

from 1.5 billion Egyptian Pounds to two billion Pounds (\$2.9 billion) during the year starting July 1, he said.

Yesterday's package was one of the biggest for years, and the president said a law he was tabling in parliament would assure that wage increases in the public sector also applied to the private sector.

With new allowances taken into account, some Egyptians' earnings would go up 60 per cent. State pensions were raised between 10 and 30 per cent, increasing the lowest pension to 20 Egyptian Pounds (\$29) a month.

Mr. Sadat did not say how much the package would cost his government.

The others to be released with Mr. Sabri are former minister of presidential affairs Mr. Sami Sharaf, former information minister Mr. Mohammad Fayek and Mr. Farid Abdel Karim, former official of the Arab Socialist Union, the sole political party at the time.

This economic package has been expected for some weeks.

A year ago, President Sadat pledged to devote most of his efforts to improving the country's economy.

An aide described the measures as a result of improvement in the economy which for the first time in several years registered a balance of payments surplus of about one billion dollars last year.

Mr. Sabri

informing women about IUDs, as well as about the treatment of diarrhoea", says Dr. Gadalla.

"We have also started activities for social welfare including nurseries, women's clubs, workshop training for school dropouts, and illiteracy classes for women — all asked for by the community. In providing these services as a requested package the people know how each one relates to the other. It is no longer a question of the doctor pulling in one direction, and the social worker or the village council in others: They are all endorsing and implanting services which the people have asked for."

Dr. Gadalla also points out that the project is not seen as an AID project, or something handed down by the Ministry or university, but as a people's project, with all the pride that involves. Even the governorate officials involved volunteer their time out of official hours to manage the work.

As a result, he says, "we have encountered no problems whatsoever in our outreach programmes and in the people's acceptance of contraceptives. For example, we have nurseries in villages which enrolled 100 children within a month. We have literacy classes with as many as 30 to 50 women. We have evening classes in handicrafts where the women also learn to write and where we talk about family planning, nutrition and child health. The participation in all these activities is very encouraging."

In the expansion of the project to cover a total population of over 6 million Dr. Gadalla's team will be involving national universities and research institutes to do what his own institution has done in Menoufia and will be providing technical assistance to government officials.

It was also agreed that, as in the previous work, the views and needs of the village communities should be the lynchpin of the operation, and that the whole action should start with the involvement of the local people.

As a result committees were formed for every group of villages that are served by a health unit. These include the heads of village councils, the doctors, the social workers, community leaders, family planning workers and the community development workers.

"It is the committee that is in charge of mobilising the community, discussing the appropriate health, social welfare and family planning services, selecting the girls or women in the community who will carry out the household distribution of contraceptives and

the distribution of contraceptives and the provision of clinic services is based on a people-centred approach to village health care and development.

By mobilising the people in various development activities, and encouraging them to make their needs known to local officials, Dr. Gadalla was able to launch a Pill distribution programme in Sbanawan which helped to push up the contraceptive practice rate from 15 to 30 per cent and to reduce pregnancies by 21 per cent in a country where population is pressing hard against the available land.

In the first part of the expanded experiment, in the 38 villages near Sbanawan, household delivery of contraceptives was made to two

groups each of 100,000 people. In the first the re-supply of contraceptives was made free of charge, but in the second a small charge was made. Experiments were also made to see if greater success was obtained by providing a continuing supply of contraceptives in the clinics, or through a local community distributor. Special efforts were also made to see that the local doctors, social workers, family planning and other officials were trained and actively involved in the project.

According to Dr. Gadalla the results were "very favourable" with contraceptive practice in the villages increasing from 18 to 29 per cent.

Dr. Gadalla stresses that a key element in the success of this experiment was the education and training of the doctors to attend to the needs of the users, not only about family planning but about child care and health problems in general.

"We bridged the gap between the physician and the community. We got the physician out of the four walls of the clinic, we made the community more enlightened about the role of the physician and we gave the physician a more satisfactory and fulfilling role in a healthy atmosphere rather than a sick one."

The success of the extended project led the Governor of Menoufia to request that it should be extended throughout the Governorate. But in doing so two essential conditions were agreed. It was decided that outside funding from the United States aid agency should bypass the central government bureaucracy and be sent directly to the project through the Governor, thus ensuring that it got through to the rural villages. It was the first agreement in Egypt to be signed between USAID and a local administrator.

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MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Iran seizes ship, Kuwait demands inquiry

BAHRAIN, May 3 (R) — Kuwait has demanded an inquiry into the seizure last week by Iran of a Panamanian-registered oil survey ship working at the head of the Gulf, the Iranian ambassador to Kuwait, Dr. Ali Shams Ardekani, said today. He told Reuters by telephone from Kuwait that the Kuwaitis had said the ship had been ordered by Iran to sail to an Iranian port, which he understood to be Bushire, last Thursday. Dr. Shams said his government had told Kuwait that the ship, the Western Sea, had entered waters at the head of the Gulf designated a war zone by Iran and Iraq at the start of the Gulf war last September. He said the seismicographic survey ship was working for a Kuwaiti company and had been previously warned not to operate in the area. Dr. Shams said he understood the crew of the ship were in good health. He had no further details. In London, a spokesman for the ship's American owners, the Western Geophysical Company, said the Western Sea was anchored today outside the Iranian port of Bushire. Its crew of 19, including 11 Britons, were on board the ship and were safe and in good shape. The survey vessel had been on charter to the Kuwaiti National Oil Company (KNOC) and the company was trying to obtain its release through the offices of the Kuwaiti authorities, the spokesman said.

Waldheim to discuss Afghanistan in Moscow

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is expected to renew efforts to get Soviet troops out of Afghanistan during a four-day visit to the Soviet Union beginning tomorrow. Mr. Waldheim has a mandate from the General Assembly to search for a solution to the problem of Afghanistan. The assembly has twice called for the immediate withdrawal of "the foreign troops" from the country. Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, his special emissary who recently visited Kabul, will be in the party for the secretary-general's first visit to Moscow since May, 1979. It follows a trip to Washington on Thursday in which Mr. Waldheim had his first substantive meeting with President Reagan. They discussed the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, as well as the conflict in Lebanon. The United States has been seeking Soviet cooperation in attempts to reduce the Lebanese tension, and Mr. Waldheim is considered certain to discuss the problem with Soviet leaders. Soviet leaders are expected to seek Mr. Waldheim's advice on President Brezhnev's proposal for a summit session of the U.N. Security Council, which the secretary-general has applauded, and for a world conference on disarmament under U.N. auspices. This is the final year of Mr. Waldheim's second five-year term in office, and U.N. diplomats expect he may test Soviet support for an unprecedented third term. He has not announced whether he is available for re-election, but it is widely believed he wants to carry on, at least for another two or three years. There is no set term, but five-year periods have become the custom for the secretary-general. If Mr. Waldheim is re-elected, he will become the longest-serving U.N. chief. His predecessor, Mr. U Thant, served 10 years before stepping down in 1971 because of poor health. Mr. Waldheim was the choice of the Soviet Union and France to succeed Mr. U Thant, but he was vetoed by the United States, Britain and China, which preferred Mr. Max Jakobson of Finland. The Chinese states later 'dropped their vetoes to let him in. In 1976, the Chinese cast one veto, but he was endorsed by the Security Council in the second round of voting.

Kreisky to head high-powered delegation to Riyadh

VIENNA, May 3 (A.P.) — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, leading a high-powered Austrian economics delegation, is scheduled to pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia May 5-7, his office reported today. The Austrian government, a purchaser of Saudi crude oil, is seeking to transact business with the Riyadh government and finalise a number of pending projects. Unlike West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, sources here said, the Austrians are seeking to win a contract for the shipment to Saudi Arabia of light battle tanks. Chancellor Kreisky, who will be accompanied by lawmakers, senior government officials and representatives of the thirteen Austrian firms, last visited Saudi Arabia Feb. 2-4, 1980.

Gandhi to discuss region security during visit to Gulf

KUWAIT, May 3 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who visits Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this month, has said in an interview that the security of the Gulf was important to the whole world. She told the Kuwait Times that the area's importance meant her talks in the Gulf would go beyond bilateral relations to how the situation in the region affected the rest of the world. Mrs. Gandhi said invitations to oil states to invest in India had produced encouraging results but oil exporters could still do more to help developing countries.

Rural Egypt takes to the Pill

By John Rowley

A family planning experiment which began in an Egyptian village 12 years ago has been so successful that it is now being extended to an area containing a quarter of the rural population of Egypt. John Rowley, the Editor of People, the international population and development magazine, reports:

Twelve years ago an experimental family planning project launched at Shanawan, an Egyptian village of some 14,000 people on the banks of the Nile, 60 kilometres north of Cairo, the fruits of that experiment have spread to all the 32 villages of the rural governorate of Menoufia with a population of 1.4

million, and it has now been agreed to expand similar activities to four additional governorates with 6 million people — over quarter the rural population of Egypt. The moving spirit behind this success story is Dr. Saad Gadalla, Director of the Social Research Centre in Cairo, who began work in Shanawan in 1969 and has since built up a programme, in which

the distribution of contraceptives and the provision of clinic services is based on a people-centred approach to village health care and development. By mobilising the people in various development activities, and encouraging them to make their needs known to local officials, Dr. Gadalla was able to launch a Pill distribution programme in Sbanawan which helped to push up the contraceptive practice rate from 15 to 30 per cent and to reduce pregnancies by 21 per cent in a country where population is pressing hard against the available land.

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ECONOMY

Yamani predicts unified oil pricing

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani was quoted today as saying he expected the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to agree on a unified pricing structure "sometime this year."

But in an interview with the Beirut English-language weekly Monday Morning, he said he was not optimistic about agreement being reached at an OPEC conference due to take place in Geneva at the end of this month.

Asked if Saudi Arabia would be pressing for lower uniform oil prices at the conference, Sheikh Yamani said: "That is our hope, but we are not optimistic that we will realise it in May. However, if it doesn't happen in May, it will

happen sometime this year."

He did not want a reduction in the present base price of \$32 a barrel, but some producers had gone above that level.

"We think that the OPEC members which have gone above the base price will perhaps reduce their prices, because already the market price of their crude is much lower than the official prices they are charging. However, it's up to them. The decision is theirs," he said.

Sheikh Yamani, interviewed in Amman, said: "Production will definitely come down everywhere if we have a unified price system. The market forces, given a unified price, will cut down the level of production in every member country, including Saudi Arabia."

A unified price structure was likely to be agreed sometime this year "because once we get through the summer, which is the most difficult period, then the producers will be in a better position to make that decision."

He said Iraq was currently producing a little under one million barrels of oil a day.

Asked about damage to Iraqi and Iranian oil installations as a result of the Gulf war, he said: "We don't think that the damage is sizeable. We think that if the war comes to an end, the two nations will be able to raise production, producing at least six million barrels a day between them."

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ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Soviets plan railway link across Caucasus mountains

MOSCOW, May 3 (R) — The Soviet Union is planning a railway across the Caucasus mountains that will cut the route between Moscow and the Georgian capital of Tbilisi by 1,000 km, a Soviet newspaper said.

The new rail link, in the final planning stage but apparently not yet approved, would improve significantly the Soviet Union's freight routes to Iran and Turkey.

The paper, Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya, quoted Project Engineer Svanishvili as saying the planned route would cross the Arkhot Pass, 2,400 metres above sea-level and would involve drilling 40 km of tunnels.

The Transcaucasian Republics of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan are at present linked to the rest of the Soviet Union by two coastal rail links which skirt the mountains.

The report gave no estimate of the likely cost of the project or how long it would take to complete.

'Watch the glut', OAPEC warns

KUWAIT, May 3 (R) — The continuing world oil surplus of alarm Arab oil producing countries, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said today.

The surplus pointed to further exhaustion of Arab oil reserves put downward pressure on oil prices and could lead to a competition between producing countries, OAPEC said in a monthly bulletin.

The recent glut on the world market signalled a growing one which favoured consuming countries, an editorial said. OAPEC groups nearly all the Arab oil exporting nations.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said last month in New York that Saudi Arabia had engineered the glut by increasing production to stabilise world oil prices. Saudi Arabia also in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPE) agree a long-term pricing strategy.

The OAPEC editorial said major industrial countries have succeeded in harmonising their oil policies, trimming consumption while coordinating their purchases of oil.

"The question therefore arises whether the producers are able of coordinating their oil policies by regulating and planning their pricing and production levels in a manner which protects them against market fluctuations and prolongs the life of their reserves," the bulletin editorial said.

\$13b surplus in new Saudi budget

JEDDAH, May 3 (R) — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, today announced it will have a 42 billion Saudi riyal (\$13 billion) surplus after spending a record 298 billion riyals (about \$90 billion) under its new budget.

The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Crown Prince Fahd as saying after a cabinet meeting to approve the new budget that it "stresses productive fields such as agriculture, roads, hospitals and industrial development."

Information Minister Mohammed Abdo Yamani said after the cabinet meeting chaired by King Khalid that revenues for the fiscal year beginning on Tuesday would be 340 billion riyals (\$100 billion) and the surplus would be put in the country's reserves.

The budget for the current fiscal year set revenues at 262 billion riyals (about \$80 billion) with a surplus of 17 billion riyals (\$5 billion).

Mexico opens \$1b petrochemical plant

MEXICO CITY, May 3 (R) — President Jose Lopez Portillo inaugurated the one billion dollar La Cangrejera petrochemical complex in Veracruz, eastern Mexico.

The complex will produce 3.5 million tonnes of basic petrochemical products annually, raising Mexico's yearly petrochemical production to 12.4 million tonnes, the state oil monopoly PEMEX said.

PEMEX officials said that by next year Mexico will have a surplus of about \$170 million in the balance between imports and exports of petrochemical products.

U.S.-Japan car export pact worries EEC

BRUSSELS, May 3 (R) — The European Common Market Commission said yesterday that it has asked Japan and the United States for urgent clarification about Japan's agreement to limit car exports to the U.S.

EEC officials said Common Market authorities, already under pressure from Japanese car imports, were worried that the U.S.-Japan agreement could mean that extra sales would be diverted from the U.S. market to the EEC.

In a statement, the EEC commission did not specifically say that it would demand a similar voluntary restraint agreement between Japan and the European Community.

But it said it would study the impact of the U.S.-Japan accord at its weekly meeting next Wednesday and report back to the governments of the 12 EEC member states.

"The commission has asked urgently for clarification from the

Japanese and United States authorities and will be considering the details and implications for world trade," the commission statement said.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki made clear Friday that he saw no automatic link between the U.S. pact and restraint of exports to the EEC and Canada.

EEC commission officials admit that their requests for similar treatment are weakened by the fact that a number of countries, including Italy, France and Britain, are already restricting imports of Japanese cars.

But after taking 10.4 per cent of the EEC car market last year, Japanese car sales have continued to cause problems in some EEC countries this year, particularly Belgium.

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Sixty-fourth day of hunger-strike

Sands lapses into coma; no last-minute solutions

BELFAST, May 3 (R) — Irish guerrilla hunger-striker Bobby Sands has gone into a coma on the 64th day of his hunger strike, his supporters said today.

The so-called H-Block information centre, which relays news from and about the four Irish guerrillas on hunger-strike in Belfast's Maze prison, said: "We have just received a report from the prison that Bobby Sands lapsed into a coma some time in the early hours of this morning."

"He has not regained consciousness yet and a room has been made available in the prison for relatives," it added.

Mr. Sands' supporters said they obtained the information from a brother of one of the other hunger-strikers who visited the jail and spoke to Mr. Sands' sister Marcella in the prison hospital.

A British government spokesman limited himself to his stock reply — "The condition of Sands and the three other hunger-strikers continues to deteriorate" — and refused to give further information.

Mr. Sands' mother, Mrs. Rosaleen Sands, has already said that she would not ask doctors to intervene once her son went into a coma.

While on hunger-strike at the Maze prison, Mr. Sands was elected last month as a British member of parliament at a by-election in a Northern Ireland constituency.

If he dies, he will become the first British MP to die on a hunger strike.

No compromise has been found to end the hunger-strike despite interventions last week by the European Human Rights Commission and a personal emissary from Pope John Paul.

When Mr. Sands' mother and sister visited him yesterday, friends said, they found him completely blind, lacking all feeling on one side of his face, and in constant pain.

Another of the hunger-strikers in the Maze prison, Mr. Francis Hughes, was reported in a serious condition after 49 days without food. His eyesight is failing and he is in constant pain, his family said.

Northern Ireland Secretary Humphrey Atkins and his advisers reviewed security measures, a spokesman said, adding that police and the army had confirmed they were ready for any new violence. Police leave in the province has been restricted.

Several thousand Sands' sympathisers were expected this afternoon at a rally in his support at Toomebridge, a small town between Belfast and Londonderry.

It is an emotive spot for IRA sympathisers fighting to end Northern Ireland's links with Britain, which the province's Protestant majority has sworn never to give up.

In 1798 a Republican rebel, Roddy McCorley, was hanged at Toomebridge by the British after he was betrayed by a local businessman, and his body was buried in the foundations of the bridge which still stands today over the River Ban.

The death of one or more of the hunger-strikers is expected to provoke a new upsurge of violence in a conflict which has claimed more than 2,000 lives since the current troubles began in 1969.

About 11,000 British troops are in Northern Ireland, but an army spokesman said a 600-man trouble-shooting unit codenamed the "Spearhead Battalion" was on standby in England to fly to the province if trouble flares.

There are 8,000 military reservists and 7,500 police in Northern Ireland, which has a population of 1.5 million.

American Irish community rallies behind Sands

Meanwhile, the hunger strike of Irish Republican guerrilla Bobby Sands has united the American Irish community in opposition to the British government's treatment of Irish Republican Army (IRA) prisoners.

"Bobby Sands' hunger strike has brought us together like nothing else has in recent years," says Mr. John Thornton, editor of New York City's Irish Echo weekly newspaper.

"We don't usually agree but right now we are incensed. Our community is usually split but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has done the impossible. She's united us."

The Sands case has brought denunciations of British treatment of IRA prisoners from moderate cardinals, radical priests, Republican activists and the usually apolitical.

New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan asked: "How can a man be allowed to die over the minutiae of prison regulations?" The question seems implicit in a grumbling wave of protest.

There have been calls for boycotts of British Airways and British imports.

The International Longshoremen's Association, the trade union which represents 76,500 East Coast dock workers, is considering a ban on unloading British ships.

Protest demonstrations against British consulates across the United States have increased, and British offices report a rise in the number of bomb threats against them.

Resolutions have been passed in several state and local assemblies protesting against British treatment of IRA prisoners and calling on Mrs. Thatcher's government to concede their demands.

The Irish Northern Aid Committee (NORAI), a group which a federal court has ruled is an agent of the IRA, has reported a 1,000 per cent increase in donations.

"We have people calling us from all over the map asking how they can help. Even bar owners in New York want to stage a two-hour shutdown of their pubs," NORAI spokesman Martin Galvin said.

In Washington, the priest who heads the Irish National Caucus, a group that lobbies U.S. congressional support for a united Ireland, is in the eighth day of a fast outside the British embassy.

Father Sean McManus said the Sands case has galvanised support in Congress for the Irish cause as no other issue in recent years.

Historically, Americans of Irish descent — now numbered at 13 million — supplied the funds and in some cases the weapons used in the fight against British rule which ended in the 1920s with the creation of an independent Irish state.

In recent years, however, the numbers of Irish-Americans favouring violence as a means to end British rule over the six counties of Northern Ireland have diminished.

According to Mr. Thornton, "Most Irish Americans would like the British to leave but they don't want a violent solution."

"The Sands situation, however, is galvanising opinion. If he dies I expect there will be a lot of venting of anger. The American Irish community is very, very incensed that the British government is not changing its position at all."

"Bobby Sands has captured the American Irish imagination. People may not agree with his politics but they admire the man's courage."

Bavarian leader in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, May 3 (R) — Dr. Franz Josef Strauss, a West German opposition leader, said yesterday that political and psychological pressure on the Soviet Union must be continued to make Moscow withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

He told journalists at the end of a week's visit to Pakistan that if the free world forgot Afghanistan there could be similar situations elsewhere. Dr. Strauss visited an Afghan refugee camp near Peshawar, capital of the North West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan.

He gave the province's military governor a cheque for 10,000 marks (\$4,500) as a personal donation for the refugees.

Dr. Strauss met President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and Foreign Minister Agha Shahi this week. He said Pakistan wanted the withdrawal of the Soviet Troops, restoration of Afghanistan's non-aligned position and an honourable return home of the refugees.

Meanwhile in Moscow, Pravda denounced Dr. Strauss today for his visit to Pakistan to meet Afghan refugees, and warned that the Bavarian leader would not succeed in creating "provocations against free Afghanistan."

The Pravda commentary by Lev Strzhizhovsky also branded Dr. Strauss a "Flying Dutchman," bent on "rushing wherever reaction raises its head." It said that at a time when unemployment and housing shortages are rife in Bavaria Dr. Strauss's interest in Afghanistan "by no means testifies to the altruism of the Bavarian leader."

Poles celebrate 190th year of constitution

WARSAW, May 3 (R) — Poland celebrated the 190th anniversary today of the proclamation of a liberal constitution and for the first time since the communists came to power it was marked by extensive official ceremonies and media coverage.

The short-lived 1791 constitution, an enduring symbol of Polish independence, had until this year been honoured under the communists almost exclusively by the Roman Catholic Church and dissidents.

The communists said after taking power at the end of World War II that the May constitution was a relic of the bourgeoisie past.

But in keeping with the new political climate in Poland since last summer's labour revolt, the event was marked today with official ceremonies across the country.

The Solidarity free trade union also held a ceremony in Warsaw's Royal Castle, where the constitution has been put on display, and dissidents organised a meeting and a march through the capital last night.

Heng Samrin reinstated

BANGKOK, May 3 (R) — Kampuchean President Heng Samrin was re-elected to the National Assembly in the General election with 99.75 per cent of the vote. Radio Hanoi reported yesterday.

The radio, monitored in Bangkok, said Vice-President and Defence Minister Pen Sovan was also re-elected to the assembly with 99.63 per cent of the vote.

It was Kampuchea's first general election since Vietnam's military intervention two years ago which overthrew the Khmer Rouge administration in Phnom Penh and put Heng Samrin in power.

From Phnom Penh, Reuter correspondent Bernard Melunsky reported that the election, denounced as a farce by Kampuchea's non-communist neighbours, appeared to have taken place peacefully.

It was held as the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government, still fighting an estimated 40,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas, sought

Czech family defects in crop-duster plane

VIENNA, May 3 (A.P.) — A Czech family of three, crossing the Czechoslovak-Austrian border in a low-flying crop-duster, early today defected to the West. They asked for political asylum in Austria, authorities said.

The plane, piloted by Mr. Vaclav Otahal, a 35-year-old agricultural pilot, landed at about 8:30 a.m. (0630 GMT) in a clover field on what used to be a World War II military airfield near Gerasdorf, north of here.

Gendarmerie said Mr. Otahal, his wife Eva, 24, and his seven-year-old son Peter, escaped unharmed. The plane went unnoticed by Czechoslovak radar surveillance during the 50-minute flight from Vracov in Moravia's Hodonin District, where Mr. Otahal was employed with an agricultural cooperative.

After they were questioned by gendarmerie, the family was taken to the Traiskirchen refugee camp south of Vienna. Gendarmerie said their flight was well planned in advance.

Haig urged to restart arms control talks with Moscow

ROME, May 3 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was urged by European allies today to begin early exploratory talks with Moscow on limiting nuclear missiles.

Foreign ministers of the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) met Mr. Haig in a series of private meetings to prepare for a two-yearly NATO conference starting tomorrow.

NATO's European members believe it has now become urgent to reopen U.S.-Soviet negotiations after a two-year standstill that has been marked by a sharp rise in East-West tensions.

The Europeans were asking Mr. Haig to declare U.S. readiness to negotiate mutual limitations on European-based missiles and to set a reasonably clear timetable, senior diplomats said.

Mr. Haig arranged separate meetings with 10 of the foreign ministers attending the two-day session of the Atlantic Council, NATO's highest policy-making group.

The Western alliance first pro-

posed U.S.-Soviet talks on medium-range missiles nearly 18 months ago as part of a two-track decision that also called for the stationing of U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Western Europe.

Western leaders have warned President Reagan they may face tough opposition from anti-nuclear campaigners unless the United States is shown to be ready to discuss mutual cutbacks.

European NATO governments are anxious for negotiations partly to revive East-West contacts and partly in hopes of limiting Soviet SS-20 missiles targeted on Western Europe.

The Reagan administration is reluctant to start talks on only one phase of the arms control complex, and U.S. officials here said there were "differences of emphasis" on timing.

But European diplomats said they believed Mr. Reagan was now willing to yield to European arguments and would probably empower Mr. Haig to begin preliminary soundings with Moscow.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Aston Villa wins English League title

LONDON, May 3 (R) — Aston Villa set the champagne popping by winning their first English Football League title 1910 despite a 2-0 away defeat by Arsenal. The victory par set off when Middlesbrough ended the title hopes of Ipswich a 2-1 home victory over the team who had led the First Division for most of the season. Aston Villa's match yesterday was last of the season and Ipswich needed to win yesterday and a final game on May 14 to draw level on points and take the goal difference. But though Ipswich seemed on the right when Paul Mariner gave them a 35th minute lead, Middlesbrough came out after the interval determined to hand Ipswich a and scored twice for a well-deserved upset. Yugoslav international Bosko Jankovic shot Middlesbrough level in the minute and, with Ipswich pouring every man forward as the ticks away, Jankovic broke free to fire in the winner in the minute. Villa ended their season with 60 points, while Ipswich have 56 with their last match, at home against Southampton play.

Pleasant Colony bags Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, May 3 (R) — Pleasant Colony, Jockey Velasquez weaved second favourite Pleasant Colony through a congested 21-horse field to win the 107th Kentucky Derby first leg of the prestigious triple crown of American Thoroughbred racing. Pleasant Colony, starting at seven to two, won the quarter mile cavalry charge by three-quarters of a length fast finishing outsider Woodchopper, ridden by Eddie Delahoussaye. The victory gave Pleasant Colony's owner, W. industrialist Thomas Evans, prize money of \$317,200 in record \$404,700 purse. Another outsider, partee, Sandy Hay took third place. Jubilant New York trainer John Caml, said the race watched by 135,000 people at Churchill Downs, "been telling everybody this horse was going to win, but thought I was nuts."

New Zealand one notch up in World Cup

NANDI, Fiji, May 3 (R) — Striker Brian Turner opened the eighth minute and went on to complete a hat-trick as New Zealand moved to the top of Asia-Oceania Group One. Three points having drawn 3-3 with Australia in the only previous group match. Indonesia and Taiwan still have not played. winners of the group will join China, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia who have already qualified, in the playoffs to decide which Asia-Oceania nations go through to the 1982 World Cup final, Spain.

Frenzied friar stages hijack and gets caught

LE TOUQUET, France, May 3 (R) — Para-military police stormed a hijacked Irish airliner with 102 people aboard last night and first reports said no-one was injured, airport officials said.

They said the lone hijacker, a former Trappist monk, was soaked in petrol when taken into custody.

The passengers sat for more than eight hours at the end of the runway after being hijacked during a routine flight from Dublin to London.

The hijacker identified himself as Laurence James Downey, a monk expelled from a Roman Catholic Trappist monastery in Rome.

He had demanded he wanted a statement published in the press and to be flown to Tehran.

Irish Transport Minister Albert Reynolds, who flew to Le Touquet, told a Reuter correspondent the French security forces boarded the plane from the side and rear and the hijacker immediately gave himself up.

Mr. Reynolds said the hijacker had an Australian passport which expired in 1978. He had since applied unsuccessfully for Irish nationality.

One of the passengers quoted by French Radio said the hijacker surrendered without a shot being fired. He said earlier reports that the man had a box of explosives were apparently untrue.

Another passenger told Reuters: "He looked like an executive... three minutes before we were due to land in London, he was missing from his seat and then the captain came on the intercom."

"He said: 'Ladies and gentlemen, we would like to land in London but there is a man in the cabin who wants us to go on to Le Touquet.'"

The plane had 113 people aboard when it was hijacked but 11 women and children were freed four-and-a-half hours after it landed in France.

Meanwhile, the hijacker was recalled in Limerick, western Ireland town as an eccentric who had drafted a constitution for Iran.

"He may have been trying to reach Iran to present his constitution

in person," said one Limerick man who had known Downey nearly two years.

Another Limerick man who knew him well said Downey, aged 40, lived in the neighbouring town of Shannon from 1979 until late year when he went to live in Dublin.

A good linguist, he ran a language school in Shannon. Police in Shannon said they had been seeking Downey to serve summons on him alleging assault on the husband of a woman he had worked as a teacher at his school.

Local people understood Downey was an Australian who had grand parents. After being expelled from a Rome monastery he spent some years in Australia before coming to Ireland in 1979.

And in Perth, Australia, police said the hijacker is wanted connection with an alleged 70,000 Australian dollar (\$80,000) fraud, police said here today.

A police spokesman said a warrant for the arrest of the Laurence James Downey, had been issued in Perth in April.

He was wanted for questioning about the alleged loss of money by a client of a company of which he was a director, the spokesman said.

Downey is a native of Perth. His wife, five grown children — a sister, a Roman Catholic nun, all live in the city.

In Rome, the abbot general of the Trappist Order told Reuters Downey was sent away from the Tre Fontane monastery there 1954 because "he seemed to be a bit mad."

Father Ambrose Southey said Downey was an Australian entered the order over 30 years ago. "But he never completed his training. He was acting strangely and people realised this and him away."

He added: "There was some kind of queer streak in him. I met him about 30 years ago. He was known as Lorenzo at the time and must be in his middle fifties."

Sense of urgency fading from energy crisis in U.S.

By Alver Carlson

WASHINGTON — Four years after President Carter proposed a major programme to combat what he called a dangerous energy crisis, the sense of urgency has faded in the United States.

Yet most experts believe the U.S. is as vulnerable to an energy shock, whether from a Middle East war or a prolonged U.S. coal strike, as at any time in recent years.

In a televised address four years ago on April 18, Mr. Carter called his assault on U.S. energy problems the "moral equivalent of war."

He introduced an energy plan aimed at reducing consumption and increasing domestic production, saying that without these actions the United States faced "a national catastrophe."

Many of Mr. Carter's proposals became law after a herculean effort to get them through Congress, an achievement generally recognised as one of the high points of his presidency.

But the U.S. still remains heavily dependent on oil from the Middle East, advocates of nuclear energy are largely in retreat, and

any developments that could free the country from its reliance on imported energy are years away.

The Reagan administration has yet to formulate a detailed energy policy, but all indications are that the president prefers to rely on the free market to find and develop new supplies.

Shortly after he became president last January 20, Mr. Reagan speeded up Mr. Carter's deregulation programme by removing all price controls from domestic oil.

On the surface at least, there is no obvious reason for the administration to undertake a major effort in the energy area.

Imports are running at about 30 per cent below 1979 levels when the U.S. was, at one stage, importing nearly 50 per cent of its oil to satisfy its prodigious needs.

The U.S. is now using about 16 million barrels of oil a day, a sharp decline from more than 20 million barrels a day it was consuming late in 1978 and early 1979.

The reduction reflects the fact that price increases have promoted conservation by consumers while at the same time the U.S. economy is suffering from recession.

The country is also adding to its

strategic petroleum reserve at the rate of 200,000 barrels a day and now has about 120 million barrels stored in underground areas in Louisiana and Texas in case of a major cutoff in imports.

Eventually the U.S. plans to have some 750 million barrels set aside.

President Reagan has also moved to improve relations with Mexico and Canada, two neighbours rich in energy resources, as a way of reducing reliance on the Middle East.

Americans have been driving less this year and cars, in part because of legislation compelling higher mileage standards, are more fuel efficient.

But the U.S. still remains "at risk," as one government official put it.

Nuclear energy, partly because of the psychological impact of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident in 1979, has received a setback with utility companies scrapping plans to build new plants.

There has been a reduced demand for electricity because consumers, faced with higher bills, have cut down on its use.

Coal development has also been held back by pollution regulations and many U.S. coal fields have

recently been shut down strike.

Even though oil imports have been reduced, the U.S. must bring in a huge amount of oil to keep its transport going, and cool its homes, and fu industrial boilers.

For the time being at least strategic reserves are so low would be virtually useless in event of a serious energy supply government officials say.

Reduced oil production by the war between Iran and has had little impact in the mainly because the losses have been made up by Saudi Arab U.S. production, also stimulated by a sharp increase, still continues to fall best stay about even with levels of the recent past.

Most experts believe reserves will continue to fall in years ahead, leaving the country two choices: either reduce consumption or import more.

For these reasons, many experts are less than happy with the current state of public apathy.

"The crisis has not really gone away," one official said. "It is simply waiting to surprise us again."

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